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December 1, 2016

To: Federal Communications Commission  
From: Salish Networks, Inc.  
Re: Forbearance Notification  
WC Docket No. 11-42 – Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization

Salish Networks, Inc. hereby notifies the FCC that it is availing itself of the forbearance granted by the *Lifeline Modernization Order*<sup>1</sup> from the obligation to offer Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service. Salish Networks elects this forbearance relief for the entirety of its service area where it is designated as a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC). What follows is the information the Wireline Competition Bureau has requested in these notifications.<sup>2</sup>

1. *Carrier Name:* Salish Networks, Inc.
2. *ETC Designation Information*
  - a. *ETC Designation Order:* Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission; Salish Networks, Inc., Seeking Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the state of Washington pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(2); Docket UT-144138; Order 01; Order Granting Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation; October 27, 2016.
  - b. *Designating Authority:* Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission
  - c. *Type of Designation:* High-cost support recipient (*i.e.*, not Lifeline-only)
  - d. *Date of ETC Designation:* October 27, 2016.
3. *Areas Where ETC Seeks Forbearance:* The Excel file that accompanies this notification contains a list of the census blocks, in numerical order by FIPS code, where Salish Networks is availing itself of forbearance relief. These census blocks collectively make up the entirety of Salish Networks' ETC-designated service area.

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<sup>1</sup> *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016).

<sup>2</sup> *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted by Lifeline Modernization Order*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 11-42, DA 16-1316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016).

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4. *Information on Areas Where Carrier Elects to Offer Broadband:* Notwithstanding the forbearance relief Salish Networks is availing itself of throughout its ETC-designated area, the company presently intends to offer Lifeline-supported broadband service to the Tulalip tribal community.

Please feel free to contact me at 360-716-8008 or [thill@salishnetworks.com](mailto:thill@salishnetworks.com) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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